

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a printing apparatus which performs printing by using a printhead having a printing element unit for performing printing and a memory , the control circuit of the printing apparatus main body outputs a command for acquiring specific information from information held by the memory block. Upon reception of this command, the command control unit of a carriage control unit generates an access signal containing an address for reading out information designated by the command from the memory block. The command control unit accesses the memory block by the access signal, and acquires specific information corresponding to the command from the memory block.